## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

VIRGIL GRIFFIN,		)	
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	Plaintiff,	)	
		)	
	V.	)	No. 1:19-cv-00882-JPH-MPB
		)	
C. EVANS, et al.		)	
		)	
	Defendants.	)	

## **Order Denying Motion to Reconsider**

The plaintiff's motion to reconsider, dkt. [125], is **denied**. In its Entry dated December 9, 2019, the Court allowed the plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claims alleging deliberate indifference to a serious medical need to proceed against Lieutenant McCutcheon, Sergeant Sarten, Dr. Talbot, Nurse Moore-Groves, Nurse Walker, and Director of Nurse Stephens. *See* dkt. 119. In the same Entry, the Court dismissed the plaintiff's breach of contract claims. *Id*.

The plaintiff now contends that the Court should have inferred that his breach of contract claims were based on the theory that the plaintiff is a third-party beneficiary to a contract between Wexford and the Indiana Department of Correction. Dkt. 125. While a *pro se* complaint should be construed liberally, *see Perez v. Fenoglio*, 792 F.3d 768, 776 (7th Cir. 2015), the plaintiff alleged no facts from which the Court could have inferred that the plaintiff stated a breach of contract claim as a third-party beneficiary. Specifically, in Indiana, a third party may sue to enforce a contract if it "clearly appear[s] that it was the purpose or a purpose of the contract to impose an obligation on one of the contracting parties in favor of the third party." *Cain v. Griffin*, 849 N.E.2d 507, 514 (Ind. 2006) (quoting *OEC-Diasonics, Inc. v. Major*, 674 N.E.2d 1312, 1315 (Ind. 1996)). The plaintiff made no factual allegations about the terms of the contract between Wexford and the

Indiana Department of Correction, including any allegations that a clear purpose of the contract is to impose an obligation on one of the contracting parties in favor of the plaintiff.

## SO ORDERED.

Date: 1/3/2020

James Patrick Hanlon

James Patrick Hanlon United States District Judge Southern District of Indiana

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